

REMARKS

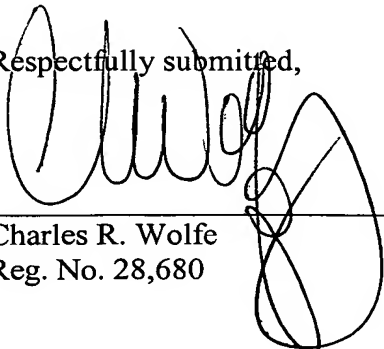
In the September 20, 2004 Office Action, the rejection of claims 1-10, 12-15 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,435,895 to Little et al. is made final, and claim 16 is indicated as being allowable is rewritten into independent form.

By the present amendment, claim 1 is amended and claim 16 is canceled. That leaves claims 1-10, 12-15 and 17 pending in this application with claim 1 being independent. Independent claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of original dependent claim 16, thereby placing the application in condition for allowance.

Prompt and favorable action is therefore respectfully solicited.

Please charge any shortage of fees or credit any overpayment thereof to BLANK ROME, LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (111427-00599). In the event that a petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted herewith and in the event that a separate petition does not accompany this report, Applicant hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee due is authorized above.

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